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THE PARLIAMENTS DESIRES

TO THE EARL OF

WARWICKE:

Wherein is Declared their Resolutions concerning his going in Person to *Hull*, with 6. or 8. ships.

Together with the Earl of Warwicks *Answer to the Parliaments Commands.*

Also a Letter from the Earl of *Warwick* to the High Court of *Parliament*, read in the House of Commons upon *Monday*, concerning his taking of two ships upon the Sea, there being in one 42. Pieces of Ordinance, and great store of Ammunition for Warre.

With the *Parliaments* Determination concerning all those that shall take up Arms.

Ordered that this be printed and published.

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Earle of Warwicks *Reſolution concerning Sir* John Hotham.

MAny and ſundry times hath flying Reports arrived in this Kingdome, and hath ſo farre dived into the hearts of the Subjects of this Nation, that they have bin much perplexed in mind, fearing a forreign invaſion.

But praiſed be God he hath prevented theſe Deſigns, and hath of his gracious affection which he bears to this Iland, beſtowed his bleſſings in abundance upon us, proſpering us with ſuch gracious gifts, that no Nations under the Sun ever enjoyed the like.

And hath alſo out of his Divine Provi-

dence discovered many desperate Designs, which were plotted and intended against this Kingdom.

And hath also discovered many more Hellish Conspiracies, plotted by great persons that were in emminent places, who when he see a fit and convenient time, disclosed their wicked intentions, and revealed it to the hearts of this our Honourable Assembly, who out of their vigilant & judicious Care disanulled them of their places, and hath chosen many worthy, pious, and Religious men for the enjoying therof.

But because I will not deviate too farre from my intended purpose, I will now proceed to my following Relation.

Both Houses having taken in consideration the Affairs of *Hull*, sent a Message to the Earl of *Warwick*, concerning the same.

And they also received Letters from the said Earl, which were read in the audience of both houses, informing them, how that he had taken one of the Kings ships called the *Lyon*, which was comming from

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Holland with great ſtore of Ammunition, and as he thought,and conjectured, bound for the *North*.

In which ſhip were Prince *Robert*, and his Brother Prince *Maurice* ſhipped to come for *England*, but being taken ſick at Sea,and troubled with an extreame vomiting of Blood,they returned back,and landed again in another part of *Holland*.

But the Captain of the ſhip having intelligence that the Ear of *Warwick* had delivered up the Navie to the King,and that it was now under the Command of Sir *John Pennington*, came very couragiouſly amongſt the ſhips, and very boldly came aboord the Admirall,where he finding the Earl of *Warwicke*, and underſtanding hee had ſtill the Charge of the Navie(*which he would not beleeve untill he had ſeed his Commiſſion*) was much amazed, and at the firſt refuſed to ſubmit himſelf,but the Earle of *Warwick* took him Priſoner,and poſſeſſed himſelfe of his ſhip and Ammunition, wherin was 42.pieces of Ordinance, with a great quantity of other proviſions.

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Hee alſo informed by the ſaid Letters, that hee had taken another ſhip loaden with Powder, and in it many other things belonging to warre, which was alſo bound for the North.

And upon *Tueſday* both Houſes Ordered, that there ſhould a Meſſage forthwith be ſent with all ſpeed to the Earl of *Warwicke*, informing him the will and pleaſure of both Houſes, which was, that hee ſhould take ſix or eight ſhips, and go himſelf down to *HULL*, and lye thereabouts to relieve Sir *John Hotham*.

And alſo Ordered, That he ſhould bring from *HULL* all ſuch great Saddles as are there, or other Furniture for Horſe or Horſemen, and the four Priſoners that Sir *John Hotham* tooke in a ſhip going for *Holland*.

The Earl of *Warwick* having received this Command from both Houſes, Hee called a Councell of Warre, and after ſome Debate therof, he reſolved to ſend an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage, informing that he had called a Counſell of Warre to conſult

sult of their last Commands concerning his going to *Hull*, but found that he could not conveniently go himself, partly because his ship was of so great Burthen, she could not safely ride in that shallow Water to continue but he had sent two of his ships, and would take order to send others after them, who should carefully observe their Commands in all points, and fulfill it accordingly.

And likewise certified them, that he had sent three other ships to *HULL* to relieve Sir *John Hotham*, and desired them, that they would bee pleased to send him moneyes with all speed, for to pay certain Captains discharged by him, by reason that they refuse to obey his Command.

Whereupon both Houses Ordered, That there should be fifteen hundred pounds forthwith sent.

Where it was also Voted, and joyntly concluded of, that the said Earl should have Thanks returned unto him for that good service, which was according concluded of and a Messenger fortwith dispatched.

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Both Houſes reſolved, That whenſoever the King maketh War upon the Parliament, it is a Breach of the Truſt repoſed in him by his people, contrary to his Oath, and tending to the diſſolution of this Government.

And alſo Reſolved, That whoſoever ſhall ſerve or aſſiſt him in ſuch Warres, are Traytors, &c.

Ordered that this be printed and publiſhed.

John Brown Cler. Parl.